

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a program to a client, the method comprising the steps of:
 - receiving ~~(52)~~ a request for a pay per view ~~(PPV)~~ program from the client;
 - determining ~~(54)~~ if the requested program already resides on a local storage device;
 - retrieving ~~(56)~~ the requested program from the local storage device if the requested program resides thereon;
 - transmitting ~~(58)~~ the retrieved program to the client for display;
 - downloading ~~(60)~~ the requested program from a PPV service provider if the requested program does not reside on the local storage device; and
 - transmitting ~~(62, 64)~~ the downloaded program to the client for display and to the storage device for storage.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:
 - periodically accessing ~~(72)~~ a PPV page provided by the PPV service provider;
 - determining ~~(74)~~ if a program listed on the PPV page is stored in the local storage device;
 - downloading ~~(76)~~ the program if it is not stored in the local storage device; and
 - transmitting ~~(76)~~ the downloaded program to the storage device for storage thereon.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, further including the step of:
updating a video on demand (~~VOD~~) page in a program guide so the page lists the title of the downloaded program.
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further including the step of:
updating a video on demand (~~VOD~~) page in a program guide so the page lists the title of the downloaded program.
5. (original) The method of claim 1, further including the step of:
updating a network aggregate profile to reflect the client's request for the stored or downloaded program.
6. (currently amended) The method of claim 5, further including the steps of:
selecting (~~96~~) programs in the network aggregate profile that meet a predetermined criteria; and
generating (~~98~~) a popular program page in a program guide, the popular program page listing the selected programs.
7. (original) The method of claim 6 wherein the predetermined criteria is if the number of times a program has been requested exceeds a predetermined threshold.
8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
offering personal video recording (~~PVR~~) services to a client for programs stored in the local storage device; and
charging (~~122~~) the client a fee for each PVR service requested.
9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the PVR services offered are at least one of pause, rewind, fast forward and random access.

10. (currently amended) A system for providing a program to a client, the system comprising:

means ~~(44)~~ for receiving a request for a pay per view ~~(PPV)~~ program from the client;

means ~~(30)~~ for determining if the requested program already resides on a local storage device;

means ~~(30)~~ for retrieving the requested program from the local storage device if the requested program resides thereon;

means ~~(28, 30, 36)~~ for transmitting the retrieved program to the client for display;

means ~~(18)~~ for downloading the requested program from a PPV service provider if the requested program does not reside on the local storage device; and

means ~~(28, 30, 36)~~ for transmitting the downloaded program to the client for display and to the storage device for storage.

11. (currently amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising:

means ~~(18)~~ for periodically accessing a PPV page provided by the PPV service provider;

means ~~(30)~~ for determining if a program listed on the PPV page is stored in the local storage device;

means ~~(18)~~ for downloading the program if it is not stored in the local storage device; and

means ~~(28, 30)~~ for transmitting the downloaded program to the storage device for storage thereon.

12. (currently amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means ~~(30)~~ for updating a video on demand ~~(VOD)~~ page in a program guide so the page lists the title of the downloaded program.

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising:
means ~~(30)~~ for updating a video on demand ~~(VOD)~~ page in a program guide so the page lists the title of the downloaded program.
14. (currently amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising:
means ~~(30)~~ for updating a network aggregate profile to reflect the client's request for the stored or downloaded program.
15. (currently amended) The system of claim 14, further comprising:
means ~~(30)~~ for selecting programs in the network aggregate profile that meet a predetermined criteria; and
means ~~(30)~~ for generating a popular program page in a program guide, the popular program page listing the selected programs.
16. (original) The system of claim 15 wherein the predetermined criteria is if the number of times a program has been requested exceeds a predetermined threshold.
17. (currently amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising:
means ~~(12)~~ for offering personal video recording ~~(PVR)~~ services to a client for programs stored in the local storage device; and
means ~~(12)~~ for charging the client a fee for each PVR service requested.
18. (original) The system of claim 17, wherein the PVR services offered are at least one of pause, rewind, fast forward and random access.